

10/709,315

Aug. 1, 2004

To Shirene Willis, Senior Petitions Attorney Office of Petitions:

Dear Shirene,

I have been trying to reach you regarding your letter concerning Patent # "10/709,315" In our previous correspondence you asked me to contact you with any questions or concerns that I might have regarding the aforementioned patent. I have left numerous messages at your given number "703- 308-6712" and have not received a call back. I have a concern and I need to be contacted. I received a packet of information from your office of petitions verifying that IBM has gone forward with the filing of my patent with out signature, review or compensation. This is unacceptable.

While I was employed by IBM, I was bound to an employment agreement that I signed in 1973. In that agreement, it clearly states two outlining clauses that stand in firm opposition to IBM current course of action regarding my patent. The first of these being "In consideration of employment" and the second being "as an active employee." These two phrases demonstrate a being of obligation for my ideas, patent review and signatures only during my time of employment. I have documented proof by way of postal date; that IBM asked for my review and signature of aforementioned patent as of December, 10<sup>th</sup> 2003. I was no longer employed by IBM at that time. This fact, allows me to be compensated for any activity that IBM might ask of me. I do not work for free. I am more then willing to review and sign as they requested, however I want to get paid for my services. If you need any additional information concerning actual dates or other references, I will supply them as necessary. Please give me a call at either my home in Vermont (802-244-6933) or my home in NY (315-493-9358).

Sincerely Paul A. Manfredi

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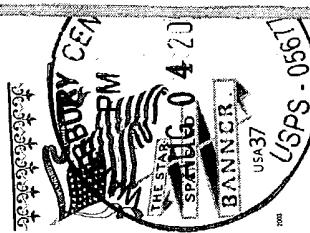
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